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2. The U.S. Patents used in the art rejections below have been provided as text documents which correspond to the U.S. Patents. The relevant portions of the text documents are cited according to page and line numbers in the art rejections below. For the convenience of Applicant, the cited sections are highlighted in the *text documents*. Consistent with Office procedure, the U.S. Patents corresponding to the *text documents* are also included with this action.

3. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McNabb et al. (U.S. Patent 6,289,462).

As to claim 1, McNabb teaches a "trusted server computing system is provided for permitting controlled execution of processes", p6 28-43 comprising:

a software process operating on a computer "process is the instance of a running program ... such as a network browser", p9 23-40 the process including a plurality of attributes "attributes of the process", Id.

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an operating system kernel "Unix ... kernel", p10 37-56 in communication with the software process "requesting process", Id. and in communication with an executable file to be accessed by said software process "permissions permit the execution of the file", Id. and

"[w]hen a process attempts to access a file system object, the OS compares various attributes of the process with attributes of the object, and allows or denies access", p8 44-57 through the use of a "database and privilege sets of the file" p14 21-47.

As to claim 2, McNabb (p5 26-37) teaches a sensitivity label in conjunction with extended attributes for augmenting security.

As to claim 3, McNabb (p9 23-40) teaches "the trusted server system has added an 'authorization database' in the OS that is used to see if the user running the process can access or execute the requested program."

As to claim 4, McNabb (p9 23-40) teaches "the OS compares the attributes of the process to . . . user and group identifiers".

As to claim 5, McNabb (p16 1-25) teaches the "application resides in its own compartment".

As to claims 6-8, McNabb (pp21-22) teaches the web server, file transfer and mail server processes.

As to claim 9, McNabb (p17 12-27) teaches the processor associates user process privileges with the requested object upon commencing connection/execution with that object.

As to claim 10, McNabb (p21 37-55) teaches the updating/replacing of attributes associated with a process.

As to claims 11-20, note the rejections of claims 1-20 above. Claims 11-20 are the same as claims 1-10, except claims 11-20 are method claims and claims 1-10 are apparatus claims.

As to claims 21-30, note the rejections of claims 1-20 above. Claims 21-30 are the same as claims 1-10, except claims 11-20 are computer program product claims and claims 1-10 are apparatus claims.

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5. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure. Each reference disclosed below is relevant to one or more of the Applicant's claimed invention.

U.S. Patent No. 6,393,569 to Orenshteyn which teaches the controlling client access of objects via operating system security services;

U.S. Patent No. 6,279,111 to Jensenworth et al. which teaches the access tokens with added security attributes;

U.S. Patent No. 5,872,915 to Dykes et al. which teaches the browser ID authentication for client-server application privileges;

U.S. Patent No. 5,560,008 to Johnson et al. which teaches the authorization of a process to access a program responsive to privileged attributes; and,

U.S. Patent No. 5,305,456 to Boitana which teaches the extended OS control for managing requested access to applications.

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